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1. SUMMARY: SENIOR OFFICIALS PORTION OF GROUP OF 77 MEETING CONCLUDED AT MIDNIGHT SATURDAY FOLLOWING LONG FINAL SESSION WHICH LAID GROUNDWORKD FOR MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING THIS WEEK. THE MEETING RECEIVED MODEST PRESS COVERAGE WHICH WAS GENERALLY MODERATE IN TONE. PRESS INDICATED THAT AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED ON MAJORITY OF SUBJECTS, BUT INFORMATION WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM DELEGATES INDICATES THAT SIGNIFICANT AREAS OF DIFFERENCE REMAIN. MEETING IS BEING HELD IN PHILIPPINE VILLAGE HOTEL WHICH IS SOME WAY OUT OF TWON AND WHICH SERVES TO SOME EXTENT TO ISOLATE DELGATES. END SUMMARY

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2. FIRST WEEK'S SESSION WAS FARILY WORKMANLIKE, WITH INTERVIEWS AND PRESS REPORTING LAYING STRESS ON UNITY OF DEVELOPING WORLD IN SEEING TO ACHIEVE MORE FAVORABLE ECONOMIC ORDER, BUT WITHOUT A CONFRONTATIONAL SPIRIT. DELEGATES APPEAR TO HAVE MADE SOME PROGRESS IN DEVELOPING COMMON POSITION, ALTHOUGH DECISIONS ON SEVERAL IMPORTANT MATTERS HAD TO BE LEFT TO MINISTERIAL MEETING.

3. PRESS REPORTS THAT ONLY AREA OF COMPLETE AGREEMENT AMONG SENIOR OFFICIALS WAS ON MONEY AND FINANCE AND THE TRANSFER OF REAL RESOURCES FROM RICH TO POOR NATIONS. AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE APPEARS ALSO TO HAVE BEEN REACHED ON HAVING AN INTEGRATED COMMODITY PROGRAM, BUT LIST OF PRODUCTS HAS NOT BEEN AGREED TO, MACHINERY FOR ITS MANAGEMENT HAS YET TO BE WORKED OUT, AND COUNTRIES PRODUCING PRODUCTS COVERED BY EXISTING AGREEMENTS ARE TO HAVE OPTION OF REMAINING OUT. MOREOVER, WITH RESPECT TO BOTH THESE SUBJECTS, CONVERSATIONS WITH A FEW DELEGATION MEEMBERS INDICATE THAT THERE REMAIN SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCES OF OPINION. FOR EXAMPLE, WE UNDERSTAND THAT ASIANS FAVOR RADICAL RESTRUCTURING OF INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL ORDER WITH FORMATION OF INSTITUTION SUCH AS "INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR DEBT REDENPTION" WHILE THE LATINS PUSH FOR GREATER VOICE WITHIN EXISTING INSTITUTIONS. WITH RESPECT TO TRADE, WE UNDERSTAND LATINS FAVOR COMMODITY ORGANIZATIONS WITH AFRICANS PUSHING FOR CARTELS. COLOMBIAN DELEGATE, WHEN ASKED WHERE ASIANS STOOD, SAID, "IN THE MIDDLE BUT LEARNING TOWARD AFRICA". END CONFIDENTIAL
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4. THREE ALTERNATIVE PROPOSALS HAVE BEEN ADVANCED WITH RESPECT TO PREFERENTIAL TRADE AGREEMENTS GIVEN BY THE EEC. ONE PROPOSAL ASKS THAT THE ACP (ASIAN, CARRIBEAN, PACIFIC GROUP) PREFERENCES BE EXTENDED TO OTHER DEVELOPING COUNTRIES; ANOTHER ASKS THAT COMPARABLE BENEFITS BE EXTENDED TO OTHER COUNTRIES THROUGH THE IMPROVEMENT OF GSP; THE THIRD ASKS ONLY THAT EXISTING AGREEMENTS BE PROTECTED WITHOUT AFFECTING INTEREST OF COUNTRIES
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NOT ENJOYING BENEFITS. GSP HAS APPARENTLY DISCUSSED ONLY IN EEC CONTEXT, WITH UNCTAD SECRETARY-GENERAL COREA QUOTED AS SAYING, "THIS ISSUE RELATES TO ONLY ONE TRADE BLOC, THE EUROPEAN LVCONOMIC COMMUNITY, AND THE BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES."

5. NO AGREEMENT WAS REACHED ON RIGHT OF LANDLOCKED COUNTRIES TO PASSAGE; COUNTRIES SURROUNDING LAND-

LOCKED COUNTRIES REPORTEDLY INSISTING ON CERTAIN CONDITIONS WHICH LANDLOCKED UNWILLING TO ACCEPT. NIGERIA AND PAKISTAN WERE REPORTEDLY PARTICULARLY ADAMANT.

6. RECURRENT THEME IN MEETING SO FAR APPEARS TO BE NEED FOR OPEC COUNTRIES TO PROVIDE FUNDING, PARTICULARLY FOR COMMODITY FUND. WHILE IT IS UNCLEAR AS TO WHAT OPEC COUNTRIES THEMSELVES HAVE AGREED TO, PRESS REPORTING CONVEYS IMPRESSION THAT THEY HAVE AGREED TO PROVIDE \$800 MILLION.

7. ON AN ORGANIZATIONAL LEVEL, THREE PROPOSALS FOR STRENGTHENING GROUP OF 77 HAVE BEEN ADVANCED FOR MINISTERIAL CONSIDERATION: ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERIM COMMITTEE IN GENEVA TO BRIDGE TIME GAP BETWEEN MINISTERIAL MEETINGS; ROTATION OF GROUP OF 77 CHAIRMANSHIP AMONG THREE BLOCKS ONCE EVERY FOUR MONTHS; AND ESTABLISHMENT OF SECRETARIAT IN GENEVA.

8. SENIOR OFFICIALS AGREED THAT UNCTAD SHOULD BE STRENGTHENED, BUT APPARENTLY LEFT FOR NAIROBI MEETING QUESTION OF WHETHER THIS SHOULD BE DONE BY AMENDMENTS TO UNCTAD CHARTER OR BY MAKING IT A SPECIALIZED AGENCY OF U.N.

9. POLITICAL QUESTIONS SEEMINGLY PROVED MORE DIFFICULT THAN ECONOMIC ONES. SENIOR OFFICIALS WERE NOT ABLE TO DRAFT A POLITICAL STATEMENT, AS THERE REPORTEDLY WERE SUBSTANTIAL POINTS OF CONTROVERSY THAT HAD TO BE THRESHED OUT. AND WHILE PLO WAS ADMITTED TO MEMBERSHIP, A DECISION ON MALTA AND RUMANIA REMAINS UNATTAINED. RUMANIA IS REPORTEDLY THE MORE CONTENTIOUS ISSUE, BUT THE AFRICAN

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BLOC IS REPORTEDLY OPPOSED TO MALTA. SURINAM AND COMOROS SEEM LIKELY TO BE ADMITTED WITHOUT ISSUE.

10. DESPITE ADMISSION OF PLO AND ADOPTION OF ARABIC AS A WORKING LANGUAGE, PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR VERCELLES REPORTED THAT PLO'S PROPOSAL TO SEEK ECONOMIC SANCTIONS AGAINST RACIST REGIMES WAS NOT DISCUSSED, "EVEN INFORMALLY."
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